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Dear Families,

My name is Laurie Lopez, and I am the new Director of Faith Formation here at St Martin de Porres. I began my ministry here in April and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Children's Religious Education program this year! I am looking forward to meeting all of you and working with your families as we continue this journey of faith together.

It is my sincere hope that you will choose St. Martin de Porres for your child's religious education in the fall. We have made a few changes to the program that we hope will be beneficial for your family. The following is a brief overview of some of the changes, requirements, dates and fees for our 2018-2019 Sunday Religious Education Program. I have attached a registration form for your convenience.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Our Sunday classes are open to all students in Grades K-8
- Beginning September 9, 2018, the Sunday Mass schedule will be 8:30 and 11:00 am
- Sunday classes meet weekly on Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 am, enabling families to attend Mass of their choice together.
- Baptism certificates are required for all students enrolled in the program. Please provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate prior to the start of classes, if possible.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- We will continue implementing the Restored Order for Eucharist and Confirmation this fall, as directed by Archbishop Aquila. This is a two-year preparation process.
- All students entering grades 2-5 who have not yet received 1st Communion are eligible to begin preparation for Reconciliation (Year 1) and Eucharist/Confirmation (Year 2)
- This year, sacramental preparation will be completed in a home setting, with parents/guardians being the primary catechists for their children. The parish will provide all materials, instruction for parents, and ongoing support during this process.
- Cost for books is included in the sacramental preparation fee.
- All materials are available in a bilingual format.
- Parent meetings and days of prayer are an important component of the process.
- Families who are continuing to Year 2 from last year will go forward as planned; however, the preparation will also be completed in a family setting at home
- Confirmation preparation for adolescents in grades 6-8 will continue to be offered. Students must have completed faith formation classes in 2017-18 and /or received First Eucharist prior to beginning classes.

- All students preparing for sacraments MUST be enrolled in our Sunday Program.
- Parents of students preparing for sacraments must attend monthly classes as part of their child's formation. Classes will be held on the first Sunday of each month during the academic year. Attendance at 5 of the 7 classes offered is required.

FEES

- Regular class fees are \$50 per student. EARLY REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$40 PER STUDENT IF PAID IN FULL BY AUGUST 15, 2018
- Sacramental preparation fees are \$25 per student in Year 1; \$35 per student in Year 2.
- Confirmation fees for Grades 6-8 are \$75, as there will be a day retreat in the late winter/early spring
- Please make checks payable to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, or you can pay online at www.smdpchurch.org by clicking the Online Giving button.
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DATES

- Parent Orientation will be on Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 am
- Children's Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 16 at 9:45 am
- The first Parent Faith Session will be on Sunday, October 7, 2017 at 9:45 am.

I realize this is a significant change from last year, but hopefully, they will be easy to incorporate into your family life. I am sure many of you will have questions, so please feel free to contact me at 303.499.7744, ext. 103 or via email at laurie@smdpchurch.org. I am happy to address any questions or concerns you may have or provide you with additional information.

Thank you so much for your support of our Children's Sunday Program at St Martin's, and for allowing us to assist you in this important job of forming your children in faith. I am very excited to be here with you and appreciate your patience as we go forward to the new year.

Blessings,

Laurie Lopez
Director of Faith Formation